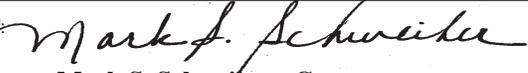


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject:		Number:
Proposed Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones		2002-13
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December 31, 2002	B	 Mark S. Schweiker, Governor

WHEREAS, there exists in this Commonwealth areas of economic distress that require coordinated efforts by private and public entities to enable these areas to make significant contributions to the economic and social well-being of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ), and the Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zones (KOEZ) established by *Act 92 of 1998, as amended*, have succeeded in revitalizing communities and community subdivisions throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, *Act 217 of 2002* provides for the creation of Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zones (KOIZ) to complement the efforts of the KOZs and KOEZs; and

WHEREAS, *Act 217 of 2002* provides that the Governor may designate deteriorated property within the Commonwealth as Proposed Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth must, on occasion, make timely and flexible economic development decisions to address and assist communities that are in vital need of improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim the following list of sites as **Proposed Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones** as provided by *Act 217 of 2002*.

1. Proposed KOIZ sites. The following parcels of property are hereby designated by the Governor as Proposed Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones:

a. In the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, a 25.6 acre site located at 2000 Kubach Road sitting at the end of a cul-de-sac and bound by railroad lines and undeveloped land.

b. In Falls Township, Bucks County, a net 1258.90 acres of developable land with river frontage bounded by wetlands and owned by U. S. Steel.

c. In Harbor Creek Township, Erie County, a 15.01 acre site known as lots 3 and 4 of the Knowledge Park at Penn State University, Erie Campus.

d. In the City of Erie, Erie County, a site of approximately 115 acres on the north side of East Lake Road overlooking Lake Erie, formerly the site of International Paper's Hammermill Plant.

e. In Tionesta Borough, Forest County, an 11 acre site listed as tax parcel number 19-01-103 and located on State Route 62 formerly owned by Evenflo juvenile products.

f. In Coudersport Borough, Potter County, three sites: on Bank Street, parcel 062-001-014; Main Street, parcel 062-003-074A, and North Main Street, parcels 061-001-34 and 061-005-094.

g. In Walker Township, Juniata County, a 114.04 acre site bounded by the Juniata River and State Route 3005, currently owned by Empire Kosher Poultry.

h. In the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, a 385 acre site located at League Island Boulevard and South Broad Street on the Delaware River within the former Naval Shipyard, the site of the proposed Philadelphia Naval Business Center.

i. In the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, a cluster of sites in the western fringes of the city including the former Abbots Dairy property at 31st and Chestnut Streets, a building owned by Lincoln University at 31st and Market Streets, the main Post Office complex at 30th and Market streets, the remaining Science Center redevelopment parcels at 38th and Market streets, a 60 acre site bordered by Arch Street, the Schuylkill River, Spring Garden Street, and the westernmost railbed abutting 31st street including the proposed Cira Centre site, and the Civic Center properties including Convention Hall, Museum, and Pennsylvania Hall.

j. In Burrell Township, Indiana County, a 65.66 acre site comprised of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 21 within the Corporate Campus Business Park which is located at the intersection of U. S. Route 119 and 22.

k. In Green and Letterkenny Townships, Franklin County, an approximate 50 acre site owned by the U. S. Army bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, Letterkenny-Carbaugh Road, Old Letterkenny-Texas Road, and PA Route 977 merging with Sunset Pike.

2. Definition. For purposes of this *Executive Order*, **Improvement Sub-zone** shall mean "a clearly defined geographic area consisting of deteriorated property as designated by the Governor."

3. Timeframe. Each Proposed Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zone listed above with the exception of 1. g. shall be eligible for the tax exemptions, deductions, abatements, or credits provided by *Act 217 of 2002* for a period of 15 years from the date of its designation as a Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zone by the Department of Community and Economic Development. The designation of 1. g. in Walker Township, Juniata County, shall be eligible for the above-listed benefits for a period of five years from the date of its designation.

4. Designation. The Department of Community and Economic Development shall designate the above-listed parcels of property as Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones, in accordance with *Act 217 of 2002*, following the timely submission of completed applications by each of the political subdivisions located within the parcel.

5. Relationship With Other Agencies. All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the Keystone Opportunity Improvement Sub-zones in performing their revitalization functions.